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THE GUESTS ESCAPED.

THE MONONGAHELA HOUSE IN PITTSBURG

A HOTEL FAMOUS IN THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE WEST-THE FRIGHTENED PEOPLE

SET OUT WITHOUT INJURY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Pittsburg, Dec. 5.-The historic Monongahela House, the oldest hotel west of the Alleghany Mountains, was damaged by fire from New-York and other cities had narrow but their demand was refused. escapes. An immense throng of people was gathered to the some, for the hotel had a national reputation as long ago as the days of stage-coaching, when under its walls were sheltered Henry Clay and scores of other Western and Southern statesmen on their way to and from Congress.

About 11:30 a. m. a dense cloud of smoke began to rise over the famous old hostelry, and that order be maintained throughout the Republic. a general alarm was sent out to the fire department. Thomas O'Connor, head porter, saw a puff of smoke coming out of the freight elevator shaft on the first floor, and gave the alarm. Though hardly a minute elapsed between the discovery of the fire in the elevator shaft by O'Connor, the sounding of the alarm and the arrival of the department, the flames had by that time been drawn up the elevator shaft clear to the top story, and were pouring out of the doorway on that floor, causing consternation among the guests, who what valuables they could in their rooms and then rushed frantically to the fire escape, down which some of the cooler-headed dragged their trunks. Messengers were sent to all the floors to inform everybody that the hotel was on fire, it being thought that some of the guests might be asleep in their rooms.

In a brief space of time the entire building was filled with smoke, which poured in dense clouds was soon affame on all sides, communicating the fire to the several floors. Streams of water were directed into the cellar and lines of hose run up ladders and up the stairways to the several floors in an effort to confine the fire to the clevator. The progress made, however, was slow, owing to the dense smoke which made the interior of the building dark as Egypt and rendered breathing within it an impossibility. The greatest excitement prevailed. Those having friends in the house rushed frantically here and there in an effort to find them. Men, with faces muffled in handkerchiefs, dragged trunks down the stairhandkerchiefs, dragged trunks down the stairway, and to a great extent impeded the work of the firemen. The water soon began rushing in veritable torrents down the stairway and skylight. and the crashing of glass and the whizzing noise made by the rushing of air and smoke through the rents thus made added to the excitement.

James Carnaghan, president of the San Martin Silver Mining Company, who resides at No. 111 West Seventy-first-st., New-York, had a thrilling experience. He had made a business appointment in his room, which was on the third floor, at 11:30, and was awaiting the appearance of the other gentleman, when the sounds of confusion in the hall attracted his attention. When he opened the door a terrible sight met his gaze. A number of people were collected in the hall, many of them women, who were moaning and screaming in terror. Smoke poured through the hallway. Realizing that if he remained in the hall, he would soon be suffocated, he stepped back to his room, closing both door and transom. Hurriedly packing up his effects, he threw his satchel to one of the adjoining roofs some eighteen feet below, and swinging himself from windowsill, quickly followed, landing safely, and finally making his escape over the roofs of buildings for an entire block to Wood-st., where, by

house, he descended to the street. David Kaiser, of the firm of Lewis, Kaiser & merchants, of New-York, in the house with a big line of diamonds. amounted to over \$100,000 in value, but he was able to get them all fixed in their cases and in his pockets, and to escape without losing any

means of a hatchway in the roof of a busines.

William M. Post, of New-York, another diamend selesman, also got his samples out in safety D. C. Mason. When his room was burst into, he was in bed, and knew nothing of the raging fire in the hotel. He started for the stairway, only to be shut off from escape by flames and smoke he tore up the bed-clothes, and tying them together securely, let himself down from his window to an adjaining building, from which he was taken in sofety by means of a ladder. W. S. Hughes, who was formerly clerk in the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, but is now trav-

elling agent for the Marceaux Wine Company, was among the first to hear of the fire. He ran to all the rooms on his floor and burst in the

doors.

Scarcely an article within the walls of the hotel that could be destroyed of damaged by water was left untouched. A great flood of water was carried to the fifth floor and attic through which extended in per

water was left untouched. A great flood of water was carried to the fifth floor and attic through the many lines of hose which extended in perpendicular clusters between the flights of stairs. This immense amount of water found its way through the floors and ceilings and rushed down the stairways, flooding all the lower halls and rooms. Not a room from the first to the fifth floor escaped the deluge of water. Carpets, bedding, curtains and everything else were soaked.

The Monongahela House was to have been sold this afternoon at 2 p. m. to Charles Holmes, of this city. The necessary papers had been drawn up in readiness for the transfer of the property and were to be signed by both parties at the time named. The price which was to have been paid for the property was, it is said, \$450,-000. The original hotel was built sixty-five years ago by Thomas Crossan. It was destroyed in the great fire of 1845, in which the entire business portion of Pittsburg was swept away. It was rebuilt in 1846 by Lyon, Sherb & Co., the iron manufacturers, and the manugement was entrusted to McDonald, son of Thomas Crossan. He held the reins that his death in 1870, and was succeeded by George Griscom, for some time superintendent of the Pittsburg. Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway, who retired one year ago, being succeeded by W. S. Anderson & Co., the present lessees. They recently refitted the building at an expense of \$70,000. General U. S. Grant, General George B. McCleilan, Abraham Lincoln and Dom Pedro were some of the noted men who have been entertained at public dinners within its walls.

The building was insured for \$160,000 and the furniture for \$32,500. The less is about equally divided between the building and the outflie of the lessees. Charles J. Clarke, the millionaire partner of William Thaw, of the Union Transportation Line, owns half of the building. The remaining half is equally divided between Florence C. Miller, a young attorney, and the estate of Melloushing half is equally divided between Florence C. Miller, a youn

FIXING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A DISASTER.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 5.—The coroner's jury in the inquest on the bodies of the victims of "The Tribune" building fire brought in a verdict at 5:15 p. m The verdict declares that the owners of " The Tribune' building if not legally responsible are morally culpable for the loss of life. They recommend that the as-sistant building inspector occupy his whole time looking after fire-escapes. They find that the fire original nated in the rooms of the Republican League (unoc-cupled), from cause unknown. In conclusion the

In the opinion of the jury had it not been for the obstruction met with in the electric wires the ladders would have been erected in time to save all of the people who were in the sixth and seventh stories at the time of the arrival of the lire department at the sense of the fire. Therefore we recommend that the city authorities take summary steps to have all electric wires in the heart of the city placed under stound.

DIVIDEND OF THE SUGAR FRUST. Boston, Dec. 5.—The Sugar Trust has declared advidend of 2 1-2 per cent.

THE BRAZILIAN REPUBLIC.

IT WILL RECEIVE THE SUPPORT OF THE ROTHSCHILDS.

A HOSTILE ENVOY TO ENGLAND REMOVED-THE LAST IMPERIAL PRIME MINISTER AR-

RIVES AT TENERIFFE ON HIS

London, Dec. 5.-A steamer from Brazilian ports arrived at Lisbon to-day. that upon the proclamation of the Republic in Para the to day to the extent of about \$100,000. Guests Conservatives demanded a share in the Government. majority of the people of Bahia refused at first to recognize the Republic, but they afterward yielded, on learning that elsewhere in the country it had been

> The Provisional Government of Brazil has sent a cable dispatch to the Rothschilds, asking them to continue their financial support. The Rothschilds have consented on condition that the union be preserved and

Baron de Penedo, Brazilian Minister to England, Baron de Penedo, Brazilian Minister to England, has been dismissed from office and his name removed from the diplomatic list, because his hostile attitude to the Brazilian Republic was doing an injury to the State. Senhor Itajuba will succeed him.
Viscount Prets, the last Prime Minister of Brazil under the Empirg, who was exiled upon the proclamation of the Republic, has arrived at Teneriffe by way of St. Vincent. While at the latter place he had a conference with Dom Pedro, the ex-Emperor. Viscount Prets has given an account of the revolution which agrees with the details of the movement herefore multished.

GASWORKERS TO GO ON STRIKE. EXTINGUISHED-A LOCKOUT AT

MANCHESTER.

notice that they will strike on December 13. trouble at the South London gas works arises from the lafter a journey abroad. The question was raised have accepted a bonus to make an engagement to work | lunacy. The court, Judge Hammond delivering the for the company for one year. These men the union from all the upper windows. The elevator easing regards as "blacklegs," and it is they who are referred taken as an excuse for postponing a criminal trial,

NEWS ABOUT THE DARK CONTINENT. Paris, Dec. 5,-The "Temps" has a dispatch saying that Captain Fevrier, the African explorer, has He crossed the continent

London, Dec. 5.-Bishop Smythles, of the Central African Mission, has arrived at Mozambique from Likoma, Lake Nyassa. He made the journey overland from Quillimane, the crew of the boat in which he was travelling having demanded higher pay, and he was traveling naving demand being refused. The Hishop deales the report telegraphed f om Zanzibar that he had been attacked by natives belonging to the Makolob tribe. Berlin, Dec. 5.—The Bundesrath has approved the bill granting a subsidy to a steamship company for running steamers to ports on the East African coast.

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THE PORTE'S PROMISES TO THE CRETANS Constantinople, Dec. 5 .- The firman granting amnesty to Cretan insurgents is published. The decree reduces the number of members of the Cretan National Assembly from eighty to sixty; repeals the law which allows one-half of the customs revenue to be admin-istered through the Assembly for the maintenance of gendarmes, the Porte henceforth taking the whole of the receipts and controlling the gendarmerie promises to reform on a non-party basis the system by which civil officials are elected; and promises to foster Turkish and Christian schools, to establish chambers of commerce at Carea and Rethymno, to found industrial schools, to foster model farms, to construct rowls and to organize an agricultural bank.

IMPORTING LABORERS INTO CUBA.

Havana, Nov. 30.-The owners of the Constancia of whom have already arrived. The owner of two generally supposed. other estates at Clenfuegos is engaging many German aborers in New-York to work six months on his plantations, agreeing to pay their travelling expenses for \$18.90 American gold, besides furnishing them with food. About 100 Germans have already arrived.

The emigration from Trinidad has increased to such an extent that the local papers fear the town will be depopulated if the exodus continues a few

A MODUS VIVENDI IN BERLIN.

Government against the American Consul in Berlin, a

THE CHANNEL BRIDGE PROJECT.

Paris, Dec. 5 .- The directors of the Channel Bridge Company have placed before M. Constans, Minister of the Interior, the company's plans, which were prepared by the engineers Schneider and Hersent, John Fowler and Benjamin Baker. The plans contem-plate the construction of a small harbor between the two

PARNELL TO REPLY TO LORD SALISBURY. London, Dec. 5 .- Mr. Parnell will speak at a meeting at Albert Hall, Nottingham, on Tuesday. speech will be in reply to the one made Salisbury at the recent Conservative Conference in Notifigham. Arnold Morley and Henry Broadburst, Liberal members of the House of Commons for Not-tingham, will support Mr. Parnell.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.-The epidemic of influenza spreading. Among the prominent persons attacked ssador. Other members of the British Embassy ar-

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 5.-Arrangements are being made for a tour of the football team of the Toronto University to the United States. The trip is likely to be made during Christmas week. The team will probably go to Fall River, Mass., to engage the American champions in a series of games.

EIGHT PERSONS CRUSHED IN A SUGAR MILL. Prague, Dec. 5 .- A sugar mill in the village of Swoleniowes, near this city, in which 1,500 ions of were stored, collapsed to-day. Eight persons killed and many others injured.

BOULANGER'S ELECTION ANNULLED. Paris, Dec. 5.—The Chamber of Deputies has invalidated the election of General Boulanger and M. Revest in Montauban. M. Revest is a Conservative.

THE SULTAN TO VISIT THE CZAR. St. Petersburg, Dec. 5.—The "Grashdanin" says that the Sultan of Turkey will visit St. Petersburg next year while returning home from his visit to Emperor William.

THREATENED FAMINE IN INDIA. Madras, Dec. 5.—A famine is threatened in eight southern districts of India, owing to a total failure of the crops.

RAILWAYS MANNED BY ARMY OFFICERS. Vienna, Dec. 5.-A large number of officials of strategic railways in Russia have been dismissed and their places filled with army officers.

A SNOWSTORM IN CANADA. Ottawa, Out., Dec. 5 .- Another heavy snowstorm

CANADIAN TARIFF CHANGES. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5.—It is understood that the duties on mining machinery and coke will be removed NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1889.-TEN PAGES.

HEATED DEBATE IN THE BELGIAN CHAMBER. Brussels, Dec. 5.-There was another exciting scene in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, the occasion being a debate over the suspension from office of the Adinistrator of Public Safety.

and other tariff changes made at the coming session of

M. Lejcune, the Minister of Justice, declared that the Administrator knew the character of the Anarchist Pourfaix, but maintained him at his post without the knowledge of the Cabinet.

Radical Deputy Bara here denounced M. Lejeane as The President of the Chamber demanded th withdrawal of the expression, and Bara apologized. M. Lejeune, continuing, said that the Administrator

could have stopped the trial of the Socialists by mak-

M. Janson declared that as soon as the Kins learned of the disclosures made in the debate, he would be unable to retain the present Ministry.

A great crowd had gathered outside the chamber, and as the Ministers passed out there were cries of "Rosign!" "Besign!" Several persons were arrested for creating a disturbance. Groups of excited men paraded the streets, but all were finally dispersed by the police.

EX-MAYOR MEANS ON TRIAL.

HIS LAWYERS VAINLY SOUGHT A CONTINU-ANCE, ALLEGING THE DEFENDANT'S

Cincinnati, Dec. 5.-The case of the United States against ex-Mayor William Means and J. E. DeCamp, of the late Metropolitan National Bank, was called for trial this morning in the United States Court before Judges Hammond and Sage. The charge is conspiracy to violate the United States National Banking Law. nuel F. Hunt, attorney for Mr. Means, made as THE LIGHTS OF LONDON IN DANGER OF BEING application for a continuance of the trial on the ground of physical and mental disability of his client amounting to insanity. He presented affidavits from Drs. London, Dec. 5. Seventeen hundred and eighty men pilication was opposed by District-Attorney Herr employed in the gas houses of London have given who presented the statement of Dr. Dowling to the effect that Mr. Means's condition was much improved

THE DEADLOOK TO BE BROKEN IN MONTANAI Helena, Mont., Dec. 5 (Special).-The situation is Legislative moddle, a strong feeling favorable to rejecting the counsels of some prominent party leaders on both sides having been developed. The conservative members of both parties, who are personally indifferent to the Senatorial ambition of particular individuals, have suggested a new plan of members, and will be adopted unless something new happens to thwart it. The House of Representatives and the Democratic members will combine, excluding the five Democrats and five Republicans from Silve posed of an equal number of each party will be appointed to make official investigation of Precinct Thirty-loar, and upon its report will the right to the scats be determined. The election of Senators is to be deferred under this plan until the precinct committee's report has been acted upon by the House. With the ten men out the Republicans have one majority in the House, the Senate being a tie.

ONE VIRGINIA COUNTY'S RETURNS MISSING. Richmond, Va., Dec. 5 .- Owing to the absence of to announce the vote cast for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor in November, and will not do so until these returns are received. The vote, as tabulated, however, Scott County omitted, is as follows: For Gov. from Zanzibar to Egypt. All of Emin's ivery emor-McKinney, 162,654; Mahone, 120,477. For was either burned or deposited with native chiefs, Lieutenant Governor-Scott, 162,051; Slemp, 118,870. and not a single tusk is left. the Prohibition candidate for Governor, received 897 votes : Shelburne, for Lieutenant-Governor, slands, by contract, a large number of laborers, many | Mahone ran ahead of his ticket, instead of behind, as

directing the sergeant-ac-arms of the House of Delegates to proceed at once to scott County and summon

PREPARING FOR ICE-YACHT RACES.

Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 5 (Special).-The sever Berlin, Dec. 5 .- Evening papers announce that the weather of the last two or three days has brought Berlin, Lee, 5.—Evening papers amounted as a more state and ice boats from their summer resting abandoned the idea of sending a complaint to the places and their owners are busy burnishing them modus vivendi having been arranged, in accordance season's sport. One of the first clubs to make a start modus vivenor having been arranged, in accordance season's sport. One of the first clubs to make a start with which the Consul will send the proposals of the merchants to the Government at Washington, and pending a reply will meet the desires of the association to hold their races here this pending a reply will meet the desires of the association in every way. was the local skating association which invited the Lake Ice Yacht Club is making big preparations for the winter. A meeting was held by this club to-night and the programme for the season partly laid out. Among the important features of the match racing will be the giving of a splendid gold cup worth \$250, by Gardner Van Nostrand, the treasurer of the This cup will be open to any club in the world in a twenty-mile race. The races will not beekssarily all be sailed on Orange Lake, but one of them must be, and not more than three yachts from any one club will be allowed to enter for the cup. The Orange Lake for Yacht Club will also give two gold medials for the winners of one-mile and five-mile skating races in January, open to amateur skaters.

TO-DAY'S ELECTION IN PROVIDENCE

Providence, R. I., Dec. 5 (Special).-The second election for Mayor of Providence takes place to-morrow. At the trial, on November 26, Mayor Henry R. Barker (Rep.) had about 100 plurality over Hiram Howard (Dem.), but the third party candidate having between 200 and 300 votes there was no election. Since then both leading parties have put in vigorous work. The Democrats have shricked loudly about bribery, as usual, and have arrested two persons, one a Democratic ward worker, John Spiar, and a colored bootblack, Osceola R. Cook. The re-election of Major Barker means the re-appointment of the present excellent License Commissioners. His defeat means the ap-pointment of Commissioners satisfactory to the browers

SAVED FROM A CAPSIZED BOAT.

Asbury Park, Dec. 5 (Special). Through the timely aid rendered by the crew of the United States Life-Sav ing Station No. 7, at Shark River, Belmar, N. J., five foolhardy fishermen, who ventured out to sea in a small boat, were this afternoon rescued from drown-The men set out for a day's fishing about 10 o'clock this morning. When a mile and a half off shore they cast anchor and began fishing. ing with any success, they pulled still further off, and were seen salling around until about 2 p. m., when they again cast anchor. Is about half and hour they again attempted to heave their anchor, when the boat capsized. If ad it not been for the timely aid rendered by the crew of the station, the fishermen would all have been drowned.

San Francisco, Doc. 5 (Special).-An extraordinary cene was presented in Oakland to-day. A few day ago Judge Alexander Laidlaw got drunk and created port of his unseemly conduct was published in the papers to-day. He wore an air of unusual dignity when court opened, and in presence of a large crowd lectured himself for breaking a city ordinance, pledged bimself to resign if it occurred again, imposed a fine of \$50 and paid it to the bailiff.

Fairfield, Iowa, Dec. 5 (Special).—Some big rabbit hunts are taking place in this neighborhood, one party of hunters brought in 150, while another had to charter a wagon in which they brought to town EMIN'S LIFE IN PERIL.

TERRIBLY INJURED BY A FALL.

BEING NEAR-SIGHTED, HE MISCALCULATES THE HEIGHT OF A BALCONY.

THE PACHA'S SKULL FRACTURED AND HIS BODY BRUISED BY A FALL OF TWENTY FEET-A FEAR THAT HIS INJURIES

> ARE FATAL-TRIUMPHANT EN-TRY OF THE EXPLORERS INTO BAGAMOYO.

London, Dec. 6 .- A dispatch from Zanzibar announces that Emin Pacha has met with a probably fatal accident. Being near-sighted, he walked out of a window by mistake, and fell on his head, tracturing his skull. He now lies at Eagamoyo in a critical condition.

All the doctors except Mr. Stanley's physician declare that Emin's injuries will prove fatal. Mr. Stanley's physician is hopeful of saving Emin's life, but says that under the most favorable circumstances the patient cannot be moved for at least ten days.

A later dispatch from Zanzibar says that Emin misjudged the height of a balcony parapet, overbalanced himself and fell a distance of twenty feet. When found his right eye was closed and blood was issuing from his ears. His body is

Zanzibar, Dec. 5.-Henry M. Stanley, Emin Pacha and Captain Casati were met by Major Wissmann at Atoni, on the Kinghani River; on fact that some of the union men employed at the works whether there should not be ordered an inquest of Tuesday. The occasion was duly celebrated by the drinking of healths and loval toasts in bumpeven if a trial should endanger the health or life of the horses, and Mr. Stanley and Emin made triumphal entry into Bagamovo at

o'clock on Wednesday morning. The town was profusely decorated with bunting and verdant arches, and palms were waving from every window. Major Wissmann's force and the German man.of-war Sperber fired salutes. All the vessels in the roadstead were handsomely decked with flags.

Major Wissmann entertained the party at luncheon, when the captain of the Sperber formally welcomed Mr. Stanley, and then congratulated Emin on behalf of Emperor William. During the afternoon many Europeans came to greet the explorers.

In the evening there was a champagne banquet. The German Consul offered a toast in honor of Queen Victoria. Major Wissmann toasted Stanley, calling him his master in African exploration.

Stanley made an eloquent reply. He thanked God that he had done his duty, and referred with emotion to the soldiers whose bones were bleaching in the forest. He said his motto had always been "Onward." He testified to the divine influence that had guided him in his work

Emin Pacha toasted Emperor William. Lieutenant Stairs responded to a toast to Stan-

lev's officers. Brackenbury proposed the health of Major Wissmann, which was drunk with all the honors, the ompany singing "He's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Stanley will arrive at Zanzibar on Thursday aboard the Sperber. Emin's people will come on a British man-of-war. The Egyptian Government has chartered a British India steamer to convey Emin Pacha's party

OLD HUTCH" REBUKES THE GAMBLER Chicago, Dec. 5 (Special) -B. P. Hutchinson, better known as "Old Hutch," created a scene on the Board of Trade this morning. The old man was feeling irritated about something or other and thought that Walter Chapman, who was standing near his chair, was looking over his business card. Hutchinson there-upon ordered Chapman away, but the latter responded that he had no idea of looking over the card, and said that he had as good a right as "Old Hutch" to stand there. This angered the old man, who got up and in an excited manner paced the floor, declaiming loudly that the crowd on 'Change were a lot of gamblers and no better than mere toys. The "boys" formed a ring and veciferously applauded the speaker, which nettled and veolerously appraised the speaker, which netteed him still more. Floor Manager Harrist tried to restore order, but "Old Hutch" named on him in forcible language. "Furthermore," added the excited old man, "here are not more than fifty traders on the Board. The rest are only gambiers looking around to see how they can make a fiver." Hutchinson then retired from the room amid tremendons chacring.

EVADING MISSOURI GRAIN INSPECTION. St. Louis, Dec. 5 (Special).—The fight between the State Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners. ec. 5 (Special).-The fight between the which now controls the inspection of grain, and the Merchants' Exchange of this city this morning resuited in an indignation meeting on Change. From Kansas City came the news that W. G. Downing. chairman of the Commission, had decided not to allow the St. Louis Exchange to deal in grain inspected in East St. Louis. This would cut off half the grain receipts of St. Louis, and result in a corresponding benefit to Chicago. S. W. Cobb. D. P. Grier, T. W. Booth, Redmund Cleary, Francis Brothers, and other booth, Redmund Cleary, Francis Brothers, and other beary grain dealers, said that it would be impossible to enforce such a rule. Owing to the fight, a great mass of grain that was formerly inspected on this side of the river is now inspected in East St. Louis. Shippers and farmers claim that the inspection in Illinois, which is conducted by the Merchants' Exchange, is more favorable to them. As a result, inspection on this slide has failen off and the fees will not pay expenses. This, it is alleged, is the reason that the Commissioner proposess to kill the Exchange.

NATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE,

Chicago, Dec. 5 (Special).-At to-day's meeting of the added to the committee, one from each exchange. The first annual meeting of the National Exchange will be held in Chicago the first Thursday in October, 1890. Officers were chosen as follows: W. H. Thompson, jr., Chicago, prosident; vice-presidents, M. D. Scrugga, Kansas City; J. A. Hake, Omaha; E. J. sensence, St. Louis; J. V. Vincent, Peorla; A. J. Parsons, Sloux City; C. B. Baher, Chicago, secretary; Levi D. Doud, Chicago, treasurer. President Thompson appointed the following executive committee; Charles P. Chiids, Kansas City; J. P. Blanchard, Omaha; W. L. Cassidy, St. Louis; J. Rosenbaum, Chicago; M. V. White, Peorla; Thomas Corobine, St.

THE PRESIDENT GOING TO CHICAGO TO-DAY. Washington, Dec. 5 .- The President has decided to leave here to morrow for Chicago. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, First Assistant Postnaster-General Clarkson, Mrs. Clarkson, Miss Wananaker and Private Secretary Halford. As noted esterday, the party will go by way of Ind'anapolis, and probably remain there over Sunday. The Vice-President and Mrs. Morton, accompanied by their niece, Mrs. Sands, and Mr. Chilton, the Vice-President's private secretary, will leave Washington for Chicago to-morrow evening, in President ingails's car, over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad and the Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland and St. Louis Railroad.

PATTURE OF A RICHMOND DEYGOODS FIRM. Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.-S. T. Martin and W. A. powers, wholesale dealers in white goods and notions, under the firm name of Martin & Powers, made an assignment to-day. Liabilities, \$55,000; assets, un-known. The stock is estimated at \$25,000.

CARMICHAEL WANTED IN UTICA Amsterdam, N. Y., Det. 5 (Special).—Representadam this evening with the Sheriff of Montgomery County, armed with a bench warrant, issued by District. Attorney Jones, of Oneida County, to re-

thither Daniel Carmichael, whose forgeries of \$110,000 were recently disclosed. Three local physicians certified that his condition was such that his removal would be dangerous. The Sheriff did not execute his warrant, but said he would do so unless ball in the sum of \$2,500 was furnished. The Utica bank holds \$3,000 of Carmichael's forged paper.

JEFFERSON DAVIS DEAD.

THE CLOSE OF A TEMPESTUOUS LIFE.

HIS DEATH OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER MID-NIGHT-OUTLINES OF HIS PUBLIC CAREER.

New-Orleans, Dec. 6 .- Jefferson Davis died in this city at 12:45 a. m. to-day.

Mr. Davis had been ill for several days in New-Orleans. Old age was apparently the main cause of his sickness. The physicians were hopeful longed. It was found, however, that he was unable to take nourishment, so that all efforts in his behalf were unavailing.

Jefferson Davis was born in Kentucky in 1808. He first became conspicuous as a Representative and afterward as a Senstor representing Missistilities. When Pierce was elected President in 1853 Davis was appointed Secretary of War. When Buchanan became President he left the Cabin t, but was returned to the Senate from Mississippi. chosen President of the Confederate States and re-elected for six years in 1862. After the fall of Richmond he was captured when endeavoring to escape in 1865. He was kept a prisoner two | Sergeant-at-Arms, John P. Leedom, of Ohio, had years in Fortress Monroe, and was released on bail himself sent the note to the Speaker's desk. It in 1867, and finally set at liberty by the general | read thus: amnesty of December 25, 1868

DEFENCE MAPPED OUT BEFORE MURDER.

MR. HYNES COMMENTS FOR THE STATE ON THE EVIDENCE IN THE CRONIN CASE.

Chicago, Dec. 5 (Special)?-The Criminal Court was rowded this morning with fashionable people, for William J. Hynes, ex-Congressman, the eloquent atorney for the prosecution, began his address to the He marshalled in array the facts to show that line of defence had been organized before the murder was committed. There was evidence of that in Beggs's declaration that Cronin would turn in the sending of dispatches to the effect that Cronin had been seen in Canada, and this defence was only thwarted by the discovery of Dr. Cronin's body, which hadn't been bestowed according to the programme. In the presence of his dead body, could not be claimed that he had gone to England to testify as a British spy against Parnell. In reviewing the circumstantial evidence against Kunze, Mr. Hynes outlined the belief of the prosecution regarding the little German. He is thought have guilty knowledge of the conspiracy, but to have

taken no active part in the tragedy. Hynes spoke of the lonely situation of the Mr. Hynes spoke of the ionely situation of the Carlson cottage, and said that to connect any one with entering it within a week of the murder, either before or after, was to connect him with the crime. Concerning the knives found in the possession of Coughlin, Mr. Hynes expressed the opinion that Coughlin did not suppose that he would be errested that his pocket was a safe place to hide them in. There was, he said, only one chance in a million that any man would be found carrying two knives like those of Dr. Cronin.

Mr. Hynes had not finished his address when the court adjourned.

DEFIANT OYSTER DREDGERS.

SECURING CARGOES IN SPITE OF THE VIRGIN-IAN POLICE-ARRESTED IN MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Dec. 5 (Special),- The oyster pirates are again gathering in the neighborhood of the Hog Island Flats, on the Potomac River, and threatening to blow up Captain Lewis's storehouses and wharf buildings Augusts, which just one week ago sank the Maryland The dredger Taylor was sailing saucily over the Lewis beds, after taking a load of oysters, and the police steamer came at her with a rush. The first time the sharp prow of the steamer missed its mark. The little captain handled his tiller skilfully and the vessel glided aside from the steamer. The next time the steamer came at him, however, the iron prow tore away his bowsprit and guard-rails. The wind was away ins blowing a gale and the waves were rough. A third time the stramer struck the dredger, but again it was a glancing blow and the oysterman then sailed away, shouting to the Augusta's officers that he would be back soon again and would blow to the Virginia navy if it did not let him alone. The dredgers seem determined to occupy the Hog Island grounds, not caring for the law, nor how the Governors of Maryland and Virginia settle the dispute. The steamer Augusta had several skirmishes this morning with the dredgers. All the dredgers are heavily armed. Captain Foster is expected to day with the Chesa-peake and a battle with the dredgers is expected at any moment.

y moment. Captain T. C. B. Howard, of the Maryland police steamer Governor Thomas while on his way down the bay yesterday, arrested four day-drodgers and took them to Cambridge, Md., for trial. The names of the vessels are Frank and Murray McNamara, Ella Rob-bins, Auna Frances and Whiting. The cases will be heard to-day.

THE WOOL-GROWERS ELECTING OFFICERS. Washington, Dec. 5 .- At the Wool Growers' Concention to day the National Wool Growers' Association of the United States was reorganized by the adoption of a constitution and the election of the following officers, to serve one year: Columbus Delano, of Ohlo, president; J. T. Rich, of Michigan, vice-president; C. H. Beall, of West Virginia, treasurer; George H. Wallace, of Missouri, secretary, and Davis Cossitt, of New York, assistant secretary. E. N. Bissell, of Vermont; W. L. Black, of Texas, and John McDowell, of Pennsylvania, were elected to act with the officers of the association as an executive board. The comcrowers of the United States reported that it was not the principal subjects of discussion to-day was the undervaluation of so-called ring waste. A committee consisting of Messrs. Lawrence, McDowell, Harpster, Cossitt and Wallace called upon Secretary Windom this atternoon and protested against the admission of this so-called waste at a rate less than is charged upon wool scheduled as partly manufactured wool. The Secretary tool the committee that he was engaged in a thorough investigation of this subject and assured them that full justice would be done the wool-growing interests of the United States.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held in Chicago on the second Wednesday in June, 1800. Cossitt and Wallace called upon Secretary Windom this

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 5 .- In the case of the Thorn Wire Hedge Company, of Chicago, against the Wash burn & Moen Manufacturing Company, for \$400,000 damages, Judge Gresham, in the United States Court on Saturday, dismissed the bill for want of equity as to all its claims, holding that the Washburn & Moen Company had fulfilled its contracts to the letter with the Thorn Wire Hedge Company, and owed that company nothing. This is a complete vindication of the course pursued by the Washburn & Moen Manu-facturing Company in this case, which has been more than a year in preparation, and has been watched by the barbed wire manufacturers of the country with

ROBERT GARRETT'S DOCTOR GETS \$18,000. Baltimore, Dec. 5.- The suit of Dr. Nathan R. Gorte against Robert Garrett for \$25,000 for professional services, which has been pending in court, was settled to-day. Dr. Gorter offered to compromise the case for \$18,000; the proposition was accepted and the money

EMBEZZLING POSTAL CLERK SENTENCED. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 5.-John F. Denohue, until recently chief cierk of the Money Order Department in the Hartford Postoffice, was to-day sentenced by Judge Shipman, of the United States Court, to afteen months' imprisonment for embezzling \$500.

THE HOUSE PLUNDERED.

THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS'S CASHIER A DE-FAULTER IN NEARLY \$100,006.

LAST SEEN IN WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY-CONGRESSMEN LIKELY TO LOSE THEIR

SALARIES FOR NOVEMBER - THE

CRIME MADE EASY BY LOOSE BUSINESS METHODS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 5.—Just as the House of Representatives was about to begin business this morning, a tardy member, J. H. O'Neall, of Indiana, having first been sworn in and taken his seat on the Democratic side, those who could look down from the gallery on the presiding officer's desk saw the Speaker toying nervously with a sheet of paper which had been handed up to him almost to the last that his life might be probrief message, which looked, from a distance, as trivial and unimportant as a private pension bill. But the Speaker read it over twice, and his face grew disturbed and anxious. The House was in good spirits, and a hum of conversation rose from the benches on both sides of the Nobody seemed to have an inkling of what was coming, and the shade on the brow sippi. He left Congress and engaged actively in of the Speaker passed quite unnoticed. The note the Mexican War on the breaking out of his- was sent down to be read, and in ten seconds one could have heard a pin drop, on the floor or in the galleries. The biggest sensation the Capitol has known for years in the way of defalcations was sprung without a warning; and, almost be fore the members of the House themselves could He remained a Senator till the secession of his | realize it, the news was flying through the cor-State, Mississippi. On February 18, 1861, he was ridors that the cashier of the Sergeant-at-Arms's office had fled, with between \$75,000 and \$100,000 of the House's money, and that nearly all of the Representatives would lose, in conse-

> I regret to report that C. E. Silcott, late cashier of the without settling his accounts; and I have been unable to ascertain his whereabouts, and there is a deficiency in the cash of the office. In view of these circumstances, I respectfully request an immediate investigation of my ac

> quence, their November salary. The retiring

When the House had recovered from the surprise and consternation into which it had been' momentarily thrown, Mr. Adams, of Illinois, moved that an investigating committee be appointed, and the Speaker named Messrs. Adams; Stewart, of Vermont: Payne, of New-York: Reed, of Iowa: Holman, of Indiana; Blount, of Georgia, and Hemphill, of South Carolina. The House will not meet again until next Monday, and they have until that time to report.

The extremely loose business methods tolerated by the House in all its dealings with the Sergeant-at-Arms's office made defalcation easy and tempting for Silcott. It has been the custom for the Sergeant-at-Arms to draw the monthly pay of the Representatives, each member giving a receipt in advance, certified by the Speaker or the Clerk, to be presented at the Treasury. The salary becomes due on the fourth day of each month, but the Sergeant-at-Arms, or his cashier, has generally been permitted to get the receipts cashed from three to eight days in advance Most members keep an account with the office, and have settlements when they wish, the Sergeant-at-Arms doing a sort of private banking business of over a million a year, but giving a bond of only \$50,000. Silcott, Mr. Leedom's cashier, had the run of all these disbursements, and used to go in person to the Treasury to get the monthly receipts eashed. This time he went earlier than usual. The total of the members'

salaries each month is about \$133,000. On November 27 Silcott took certificates for about \$36,000 to Treasurer Huston. He explained that the office had no balance on hand. and that Representatives were beginning to draw on him. He asked, as a special favor, to have the old any attack be made on them by his orders. \$56,000 given to him then, This was done, and on November 29 he came back and got \$36,000 more. The next day he drew \$60,000, delivering schooner Lawson, attempted to sink another vessel. all the remaining certificates. No member could draw on the office until vesterday, and there was nothing to prevent Silcott's starting for Canada, if he wanted to, with all the money and three days' leeway. He did start last Saturday night? going over to New-York, whence he telegraphed on Sunday that he would be back here the next

day. Nothing has been heard of him since. The guileless Sergeant-at-Arms feared at first that his trusted cashier had been "sand-bagged" in the metropolis. He waited for a day, and then began an investigation. He learned that Silcott had drawn out his own account in a local bank before leaving town. Then he went up to the Capitel and looked at the books and in the safe. The books showed that the cashier had charged up about \$72,000 more than there was cash to balance. He also took \$10,000 from the safe belonging to the Sergeant-at-Arms. How much more he embezzled will probably not be known until a thorough investigation is made. About \$30,000 in each was discovered untouched in the taken, this, but, as some experts think, left it behind to avert suspicion for a day or two.

The bulk of the loss, of course, will fall on the Sermant-at-Arms. His bond, for \$50,000. is signed by ex-Representative David R. Paige, of Ohio; ex-Senator Camden, of West Virginia, and Charles Folton, of Colifornia. Silcott also is under \$50,000 bends, among those who signed for him being ex-Representative John T. Wilson. M. A. Blair, Samuel Dreaman, and R. H. Ellison, of Ohio. Mr. Leedom telegraphed to-day to the cashier's bondson n, and will try to meet his obligations as promptly as possible. But the members of the House will have to do without their salaries for the present, and may not get a part of the November payment at all. An unfeeling world may smile at their predicament and it is true that Congress can make good the loss in the next Sundry Civil bills; but Silcott's flight will leave many members in an embarrassing and annoying plight. Some of them have already drawn on the \$400 odd due yesterday. and these who have been banking with the Sergeant-at-Arms may suffer other losses. Congressman Butterworth, for instance, left

a sum of money the other day with Mr. Leedom to pay a bill, and he doesn't know now but that he will have to pay the bill over again. It is said that Mr. Rife, of Pennsylvania, had \$2,500 on personal deposit with the Sergeant-at-Arms, and may lose it. Other members who, it is stated, put money into Mr. Leedom's hands for safe keeping. and now regret it, are J. D. Taylor, who had \$3,000 Bayne, of Peansylvania, \$1,000; Boutelle, of Maine, \$1,500; Hermann, of Oregon, \$2,500; and Pickler, of South Dakota, \$2,500. Several Representatives have left their salaries undrawn with the Sergeant-at-Arms since last March. Others are two or three months behind. Altogether, no such glaring exposure of haphazard business methods has been known for many years at the Capitol. The House put the blindest confidence in its Sergeant-at-Arms. The latter was equally trustful of his cashier, and the way was made open and inviting for embezzlement.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was scarcely able to realize to-day what had happened, and his bland ecufidence in his deputy came out in everything he said. "I have never had any reason before to suspect Mr. Silcott," he remarked. "He went to New-York Saturday, stating that he was going to make some large collections of money. arrival there he telegraphed his wife and to this office that he would return on Monday. We did net think anything of his absence until Tuesday